

# Kin-Buc plans backed

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TRENTON — "They're on the right track," is how a state Department of Environmental Protection administrator described the "conditional approval" given Kin-Buc, Inc. of Edison, for a new landfill and chemical treatment center.

Beatrice Tylutki, DEP's director of solid waste administration, also said the concept of Kin-Buc's plans is acceptable but it must be translated into engineering plans. She said Kin-Buc still had the biggest hurdle ahead of it in seeking final approval for its plans.

Just how long that would take, Miss Tylutki would not say. However, the DEP has scheduled a public hearing in Edison to precede any final decision on what is known as Kin-Buc II and III. The new facility would replace the existing landfill which has drawn bitter opposition from Edison officials and residents, as have the plans for the new site.

Mayor Thomas Paterniti attended a meeting of township and Middlesex County officials with the DEP yesterday morning, where Miss Tylutki was told the local residents do not want Kin-Buc.

Miss Tylutki said, "I sympathize with the people of Edison. I don't think anyone can say Kin-Buc I is a desirable or acceptable landfill."

She added she has an obligation to the state to act on plans for disposal sites which are needed for residential and industrial waste.

If the statutes authorizing her job of approving these plans required approval of local authorities, "I suspect I could lock my door and go home," she explained.

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the DEP the landfill-chemical treatment operation would be environmentally sound.

It has been described as one of the largest chemical treatment facilities in the country, but would be similar to its sister firm, Chem-Trol, of Model Cities, N.Y., which is near Buffalo.

Upon leaving the meeting with Miss Tylutki yesterday, Paterniti was furious. He noted he was handed a press release explaining the "conditional approval" when he arrived. He said the municipal planning board would never approve a plan with so little information as the concept of Kin-Buc II and III.

The hearing in Edison, which Miss Tylutki said the DEP was requiring although it was not mandated by law, did not appease Paterniti. He said local officials should have been allowed more input before preliminary approval was awarded.

Although Miss Tylutki said the "conditional approval" still required much more information from Kin-Buc, Paterniti said she refused to delete the word "approval" from the release when asked by township and county officials.

Robert Meagher, president of Kin-Buc, said he was delighted with the news but

the engineering firm, Wehran Engineering Corp., which drafted the concept, would have to reply to the feasibility of the state's added conditions. He also did not know when final plans would be submitted.

Paterniti also complained the list of acceptable items included such things as junked autos and dead animals not accepted by Kin-Buc now.

Marvin Mahan, chairman of the board at Kin-Buc, said junked cars would not be taken at the new site because they are too valuable as scrap metal. Dead animals, he said, were accepted in the past, but rarely now, and must be disposed of according to state Department of Health standards.

Paterniti also questioned the state's ability to control Kin-Buc, complaining the landfill has previously been in violation and "you had to beat them over the head" to get them to comply.

Miss Tylutki admitted the Middlesex County officials, representing water quality and planning agencies, also had "grave reservations" about the proposal.

However, she said the landfill owners could not box the state into a position of having authorized them to build or invest funds in the expansion proposal, via this preliminary approval. She said it just gave them the okay to submit more plans.